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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**Re: Wilkes Communications, Inc.**  
**CC Docket No. 00-257**  
**Notification Pursuant to Rule 64.1120(e)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 63.1120(e) of the Commission's Rules, this letter provides notification to the Commission of the pending transfer of the North Carolina presubscribed interexchange customers of TDS Long Distance Corporation d/b/a TDS Telecom to Wilkes Communications, Inc. ("Wilkes"). Upon finalization of the transaction, Wilkes will be providing interexchange services to former TDS Telecom customers in and around Barnardsville, Saluda and Fair Bluff, North Carolina. In accordance with Commission requirements, the following information is submitted herewith:

1. Selling Carrier: TDS Long Distance Corporation d/b/a TDS Telecom  
Acquiring Carrier: Wilkes Communications, Inc.
2. The types of services to be provided to the affected subscribers: intraLATA and interLATA interexchange service.
3. Expected date of transfer of subscriber base: October 1, 2015

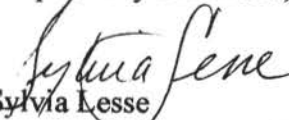
A copy of Wilkes's advance subscriber notification is attached. Wilkes Communications, Inc. hereby certifies that it has provided this advance subscriber notice to all affected subscribers in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules, in compliance with the obligations specified in that subsection and with the statutory and Commission requirements applicable to this streamlined notification process.

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A copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sylvia Lesse

Attachment

August 14, 2015

Dear Subscriber:

TDS Long Distance Corporation d/b/a TDS Telecom is divesting certain of its North Carolina long distance markets to Wilkes Communications, Inc. (Wilkes), which is based in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. As a result of this transaction, Wilkes is pleased to announce its progress toward finalizing the transfer to Wilkes of TDS Telecom long distance customers in North Carolina, including those in and around Barnardsville, Saluda and Fair Bluff, North Carolina. It is currently anticipated that your long distance service will transfer from TDS Telecom to Wilkes on or about October 1, 2015 (the transfer date).

As of the transfer date, these TDS Telecom long distance subscribers will become long distance service customers of Wilkes unless they have made other arrangements. All long distance services previously received from TDS Telecom will continue to be provided to you by Wilkes without interruption.

Wilkes will continue to provide intrastate, interstate and international telephone service to you at the same rates, terms and conditions as those currently offered by TDS Telecom for a period not less than ninety (90) days from the date of transfer of customers. If a subsequent rate increase is contemplated, Wilkes will provide you with at least thirty (30) days' written notice of such increase. Also, there will be no charges associated with transferring your service to Wilkes and no action is required by you during this transfer.

As we complete this process, it is important to us that you fully understand your rights as a consumer. As a customer, you have a choice in carriers for your long distance services. If you choose to select another provider, you should contact that carrier immediately to ensure that your services are transferred before October 1, 2015. You do have a choice of carriers, and have the right to select a different service provider for any or all of the long distance telecommunications services offered -- intrastate, interstate and international long distance telephone services -- if an alternative carrier is available. Keep in mind, if you elect to change carriers you may have to pay a transfer charge.

Unless you select a different long distance service provider before the transfer date (even if you have arranged for a preferred carrier freeze with TDS Telecom), Wilkes will continue to provide the intrastate, interstate and international telephone service that you were receiving from TDS Telecom. Under Federal Communications Commission rules, any restriction or "freezes" you may have placed on your account to block changes to your preferred local and/or long distance carrier will be removed as part of the transfer process. If you wish to reinstate such restrictions, please contact us at 1-844-238-0131.

Wilkes will become responsible for all service and repair issues as of the transfer date. TDS Telecom will continue to respond to any issues or concerns related to the service provided to you prior to that date.

Customer service is the foundation of our business. Please let us know how we can work with you to meet your needs. If you have any questions or complaints before, during, or after the transition of your service to Wilkes, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-844-238-0131.

Be sure to look for more information from us during the upcoming months. Wilkes looks forward to serving your telecommunications needs.

Sincerely,

Customer Service  
Wilkes Communications, Inc d/b/a  
RiverStreet Networks